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Mandatory Force Shaping Briefing

There is a mandatory force shaping briefing for all 2002 and 2003 line officer accessions Monday at 1 and 3 p.m. at the Memorial Theater. It is highly recommended for 2004 and 2005 line officer accessions. Supervisors and spouses are highly encouraged to attend. There will be a question and answer period following the briefing. Representative from the Family Support Center, Civilian Personnel and the Reserve Recruiting Office will also be in attendance to answer potential questions.

Breakfast sale – AF Hawaii First Sergeants are sponsoring a pancake breakfast sale Nov. 10 from 6-8:30 a.m. at the Nelles Chapel Annex. Its “All You can Eat” for \$5 and includes scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice or coffee. Contact a first sergeant for more information.

Olmstead Scholar Program – The Olmstead Scholar Program provides the opportunity for junior USAF line officers to study foreign history and social, political, cultural and economic characteristics at an overseas university for two years. Annually, at least ten to

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Main gate construction starts soon

By Maj. Paul Wright
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Within the next two weeks Team Hickam members will see a major security improvement to the main gate.

“The wing will install ‘pop-up’ barriers just inside the main gate to give the security forces the ability to stop unauthorized individuals from gaining access to the installation,” said Master Sgt. Robert Lauderdale, 15th Security Forces Squadron. “The barriers will also provide another layer of security, providing a final line of denial between the installation entry control point and base resources.”

The installation of the barriers satisfies a Department of Defense requirement for all bases worldwide.

“We have a very capable force protection mechanism in place now,” said

Sergeant Lauderdale, “but the addition of the barriers enhances the security forces’ control of who enters or leaves the facility.”

Although an exact start date for the project has not been announced, people should expect to see construction start before mid-November.

“This project has been in planning for about one and a half years,” said Sergeant Lauderdale. “The project is funded by [Pacific Air Forces] and will cost approximately \$600,000.”

The project will proceed in three phases. “Each phase will last approximately 10 days and traffic will be rerouted around the affected areas during the construction,” said the sergeant.

The first phase will close the inbound Vandenberg lanes so all traffic will be routed down O’Malley Boulevard. Outbound lanes on

O’Malley will be unaffected during this phase. People coming in the main gate who need to go to the base exchange, commissary, food court, or Onizuka village are encouraged to use Freedom Boulevard.

Phase II, approximately 10 days later, will reopen Vandenberg and close access lanes on O’Malley.

Beyond the gate we’ll be going from five access lanes down to two, said Sergeant Lauderdale. “Access to the base will flow much more smoothly if personnel who are able, use alternate entrances. We’ll do our best to route traffic efficiently, but just the volume of traffic will cause delays unless we take advantage of other entry options.”

The final construction phase will install barriers in the three outbound lanes of O’Malley Boulevard Sergeant Lauderdale said the “inbound lanes of

O’Malley Boulevard will have to remain closed to allow us to route outbound traffic around the construction area. The Kuntz Road exits onto O’Malley will also be closed for the duration of the Phase III construction.”

During this phase approximately 150 feet of O’Malley Boulevard will be closed, however traffic will still be able to exit the base by the main gate. Vandenberg Boulevard will remain open for inbound traffic.

Because the main gate sees a large volume of traffic, people are encouraged to use alternate gates once the construction gets underway. To accommodate rerouted traffic, the Kuntz gate hours will be 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, call the 15th SFS Operations Desk at 448-2320. Look for updates in the Base E-notes, and future editions of the *Kukini*.

Flappin’ along



Photo by Parry Havelaar

Boeing employees prepare to hang the flaps onto Team Hickam’s first C-17 “Spirit of Hawaii Ke Aloha” at the C-17 Long Beach, Calif., production plant Tuesday.

Wednesday the engines were hung on the wing as the C-17 progresses to a mid-November rollout at the factory. The plane is set to arrive at Hickam Feb. 8, 2005.

PACAF LG, RSS members win AF awards

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Being well-trained in the ways of planes and automobiles paid off handsomely for three Hickam members.

Senior Master Sgt. Mike Pepper, Pacific Air Forces Logistics’ directorate, and Senior Airman Abiola Gomes and Zosima Richards, both from PACAF Regional Supply Squadron, were named top in the Air Force in their respective categories for 2004.

Sergeant Pepper, Transportation Staff Enlisted Manager of the Year, earned his award working at the car watch.

“There are more than 13,000 vehicles in PACAF that I control,” Sergeant Pepper said, but his proudest moments involved programs that stretched beyond the command’s boundaries.

“We supported AEF efforts, including convoys and getting up-armor kits to vehicles in theater,” he said. “This was no single-handed effort, but I was fortunate enough to represent PACAF

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Air Mobility Command warns overseas travelers of Asian bird flu threat

By Maj. Linda Haseloff
AMC Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFPN) – The Air Mobility Command surgeon general’s office reminds overseas travelers of the risks involved with foreign travel caused by the threat of the avian flu.

Avian flu is an infectious disease in birds caused by the type H5N1 strains of the influenza virus, according to the World Health Organization. While these flu viruses occur naturally among wild birds, the current form is especially, contagious in domesticated chickens, ducks and

turkeys.

The current risk to Americans from the Asian bird flu outbreak is low, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The strain of virus found in Asia and Europe has not been found in the United States.

The CDC said the spread of avian influenza viruses from one ill person to another is rare and has not been observed to continue beyond one person.

But there is still a risk to travelers. AMC officials said understanding the risks is the first step to pre-

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Lord: You can't go to war, win without space

By Tech Sgt. Andrew Leonhard
15th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Air Force Space Command’s top man was on the island last week for the Pacific Space Leadership Forum.

Gen. Lance Lord, commander of AFSPC, spoke to commanders within the Pacific to ensure they have everything they need from space to help them do their job as the senior Airmen in the theater. After the forum, the general took some time to sit down and discuss how space helps the U.S. Pacific Command warfighters.

“Space has really become essential and integrated,” he



Gen. Lance Lord

said. “You can’t go to war and win without space and I think we’ve proven that. I’m going to make sure to emphasize how important [space] is to this theater as well as other theaters.”

The Pacific is a vast area

with many responsibilities. It has 16 time zones, and 65 countries stated the general, “We want to make sure people understand how important space is to help them shrink that tyranny of distance, if you will, with space capabilities.”

For some Airmen, space may seem a bit “out of this world.” The general explained that Air Force Space Command provides Airmen on a day-to-day basis, both on or off duty, with many capabilities. “We all use space every day,” General Lord stated. “You can’t charge gas at a gas station with your credit

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No shortage of leaders within Hickam

Col. Bill “Goose” Changose
15th Airlift Wing commander

One of the reasons for our success as an Air Force and the single most important way we continue to ensure that success is the development of leadership qualities within our ranks.

Leadership is not a gift that comes with rank. Leaders aren't born, they're made. They're made from a commitment to becoming the experts in their career fields. They're made by spending the time to understand the mission of the Air Force and of their organization. Most of all, they're made by the determination to excel, the willingness to accept personal sacrifice, and the desire to be the best at what they do.

Team Hickam has no shortage of leaders. They're found at all levels of an organization. Look around you. Who are the people you know will give you accurate information? Who consistently steps up to the plate to get the job done? Who are the people who routinely invest themselves into finding better ways to accomplish the mission? Who do you trust with the toughest challenges? There's no magic formula to leadership. We can all develop those traits that make us great assets to the unit; it just takes commitment.

I spend a lot of time moving through the wing and meeting our outstanding Airmen. Hardly a day goes by when I don't see something that impresses me about the abilities and the skills of the folks on Hickam.

Success is not an accident. It requires leadership. It takes engineers to maintain facilities and grounds, it takes the Communications Squadron to ensure seamless communication, it takes the maintainers to ensure en-route support for aircraft is flawless, it takes a multitude of skills in a multitude of places to do most of our tasks, but it takes leaders to ensure excellence.

I want the wing to recognize our leaders and to help them develop the qualities that make our Airmen the best in the world. I look to our squadron commanders and our senior NCOs to develop leaders within their organizations; to ensure that our people have the training, the tools, and the neces-



Photo by Oscar Hernandez

Col. Bill “Goose” Changose, 15th Airlift Wing commander, visits with Kahu Kordell Kekoa during the Pacific Air Forces commanders heritage dinner at the old governor’s mansion at Washington Place.

sary mentoring to not only excel at their jobs but to understand their value to the mission.

The leaders are the people who are not only willing to do the tough jobs, they are the ones hoping to be called on to do it. Before you go home today, ask yourself if you're doing everything you can to be one of the leaders in your organization. We need you to be, and most importantly you can be.

I've been proud to be the wing com-

mander at Hickam since the first day I set foot on this base. But I am never prouder than when the wing is challenged, when I see us rise to the occasion, and when I see the great things we can accomplish as a team. Our continued success depends on you and the leader you have inside, don't hesitate to let those qualities show, that's why you're here.

Keep soaring high Sky Warriors and have a great weekend.

Have you put your name on your mailbox?

Senior Master Sgt.
Donna Concepcion
15th Operations Group
superintendent

I was lucky enough to hear retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Robert Gaylor speak recently. If you've ever heard him speak, you know he's incredible and his stories will keep you laughing.

Make no mistake though, he never tells a story that doesn't have a lesson in it somewhere. On this occasion, he only spoke for about five minutes but he said something that had a profound effect on most of us in the audience.

He said one day he had been working in his yard for hours, cutting grass, trimming and weeding. It was hot, and he took a break to cool off and chat

with his neighbor. While they were enjoying their ice tea and admiring their handiwork, he asked his neighbor why they were putting so much work into their lawns. His neighbor told him it was because their names were on the mailbox.

Chief Gaylor said it only took him a minute to realize how incredibly powerful that small thing was. He said he was amazed at what lengths he would go through to take care of something that had his name on the mailbox. Then he asked us what putting your name on the mailbox meant to each of us. My answer was simple: it's mine so I don't mind working hard to keep it in excellent condition, both inside and out.

I spend as much time as necessary to make it better,

more efficient, more comfortable, more mine. If something is broken, I fix it right away. If there's trash on the floor, I always pick it up.

I welcome old friends and new neighbors with pride knowing I've taken excellent care of something that has my name on the mailbox.

Chief Gaylor paused and scanned the audience. He became serious for a moment, then he asked how many of us had put our names on the mailbox as it applied to our careers. I looked down at my name on my uniform and instantly saw the parallel. I knew where he was going and what it meant.

Putting your name on that mailbox means working hard every day, even when the tasks are difficult, or worse, mundane.

It means making every effort to leave things better than they were when you got them. It means taking action to fix a process that's broken, even if it's not the most popular or easy thing to do. It means taking pride in your work center and your base. It means welcoming your customers and providing excellent service, because it's your process and is a reflection of you. Most importantly, it means welcoming new troops and taking the time to teach them what ownership really means so they too can proudly put their names on the mailbox.

Chief Gaylor retired from the Air Force July 1, 1979 and, after hearing his message that day, I know without a doubt that his name is still on the Air Force's mailbox. Is yours?

Action Line

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name. It's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community.

It also allows you to recognize individuals who go above and beyond in their duties – and we all know there are plenty of those folks here.

All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line; however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first chance at resolving problems or issues.

It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call.

If you would like me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response.

I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to 15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil

Base Gas Prices

Comment: I know Army and Air Force Exchange Service advertises and does a pretty good job of selling gas at 10 to 12 cents per gallon less than off base gas stations. The Honolulu Advertiser stated about 62 cents per gallon are taxes. If this is true, why aren't we paying 60 cents less per gallon?

I was under the impression we don't pay taxes on anything we buy through AAFES and if

this is the case, our gas prices ought to be a lot less. I'd appreciate any clarification you can provide.

Response: Thank you for your inquiry. The base exchange, as a U.S. Government instrumentality, is immune from state and local taxes unless the immunity is waived by an act of Congress. The U.S. Congress has waived this immunity with respect to motor fuel sold by AAFES (Hayden Cartwright Act, 4 U.S.C. 104).

Accordingly, the base exchange is not subject to state and local tax laws and regulations on sale of items in its retail, but does pay state and local motor fuel taxes, as well as underground storage fees. AAFES pays both federal and state motor fuel taxes in Hawaii. Currently federal tax is 18.4 cents per gallon and state tax in the City and County of Honolulu is 32.5 cents.

Additionally we pay an environmental response fee of .00119 cents per gallon. AAFES has a market based pricing policy for gasoline. This policy allows the exchange to survey the local gasoline market and match the lowest price, by grade of fuel, in the area.

Our policy is to do weekly surveys of at least five service stations, deemed by the general manager, to be the competition, and establish the AAFES price equal to the lowest price surveyed. In times of rapidly changing prices we survey more often, sometimes twice a day.

For more information call the call the Main Exchange office at 423-8632.

Hickam Diamond Tips

Continued PT Uniform Issues



Airmen of all ranks continue to not understand physical fitness uniform policies. A simple way to understand what is and is not acceptable is to think of the PT uniform in the same way you would your BDUs. Would you walk around the building with your sunglasses perched upon your head? Would you walk into the shoppette with just your BDU pants on, your t-shirt un-tucked, wearing slippers? Would you wear unauthorized clothing combinations? Would you walk past a colonel and not salute when outdoors? I hope not. These are examples of what has been observed. Though the PT uniform is new, the basic concepts of what is and is not acceptable remain the same.

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Contact your First Sergeant.

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Hickam Voices

What are you going to be for Halloween and what kind of candy do you hope to get while trick or treating?



“I am going to be Belle from Beauty and the Beast and the only treat I want is gum.”

Catherine Rhoads
Daughter of Tech. Sgt. Patau Rhoads, 15th Mission Support Squadron



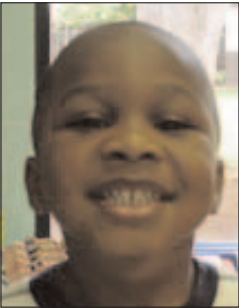
“I am going to be a pirate like the ones from Pirates of the Caribbean. I hope all my treats are chocolate.”

Christopher Berrios
Son of Petty Officer 1st Class Luis Berrios, Naval Communications Pacific Hawaii



“I am going to be a blue princess and I would like big chocolate bars and pink bubble gum.”

Kennedy Kohrs
Daughter of Tech. Sgt. Keith Kohrs, 715th Air Mobility Operations Group



“I am going to be the blue Ninja Turtle and I would like bubble gum, chocolates and fruity candy like Skittles.”

Trajan Turner
Son of Staff Sgt. Marquis Turner, U.S. Army Hawaii



“I am going to be Vampira and I would like lollipops, Snickers, Reese's peanut butter cups and Jolly Ranchers.”

Jada Covington
Daughter of Hannah Covington, 15th Services Squadron



“I am going to be Bob the Builder and I want Snickers, lollipops and Funfruits.”

Matthew Wilkinson
Son of Senior Master Sgt. David Wilkinson, 154th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Next week’s question: What do you miss most about fall on the mainland?

You can email your response to hickam.kukini@hickam.af.mil. Please include your name and a contact number.

Have a Safe Halloween

Halloween Trick or Treating Monday 6 to 8 p.m.

It's that ghoulish time of year when the little ones want to dress up in a scary costume or as a fairy princess in order to get their little treats. Let's ensure this Halloween is a safe one by following a few simple tips:



- Ensure costumes are short enough so they do not become a tripping hazard.
- Always ensure costumes are fire resistant.
- Be Seen! Use bright colors and add reflective tape or tags to clothing and bags!
- Always carry a Flashlight or glow stick so others can see you!
- Shoes should fit well with laces tied!
- Masks and hoods should have eye holes large enough for good vision!
- Never ‘trick or treat’ ALONE!
- A parent or responsible adult should accompany smaller children and older children should stay in groups.
 - Watch for vehicles and never allow the little ones to run into the street!
- Ensure someone looks over the candy before the little ones dig in!

In an effort to promote safety, the 15th Air Wing Safety staff is soliciting volunteers for a Halloween Safety Patrol. The safety patrol's job is to monitor the trick or treat activities and report or stop unsafe acts before someone gets hurt. If you would like to volunteer, contact Airman 1st Class Joey Honahan at 449-0789 or e-mail at joey.honahan@hickam.af.mil.

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vention. “Travel to areas with cited cases – in particular Asian nations – should be undertaken with an understanding of the risks of potential infection,” said Chief Master Sgt. Peggy Kerns of the surgeon general’s public health section. “Special caution should be applied to frequenting live animal markets and poultry farms in these regions,” she said. In addition, the chief reminds people that when handling and cooking fresh poultry, it’s essential to always wash hands and surfaces that come in contact with meat.

World Health Organization experts said although the virus can cause large numbers of deaths in these birds, there have been few transmissions to humans and human deaths from the disease are rare. Also, they said there have been no sustained human-to-human transmissions. The State Department reported that since mid-2003, outbreaks of avian influenza in birds have been confirmed in Southeast Asian countries and Russia. It has also been detected in birds in European countries. This prompted the permanent

removal of millions of domestic poultry and wild fowl from the affected countries. Infected birds pass flu virus in their saliva, nasal secretions and droppings, according to the CDC. Between 2003 and 2005, a few laboratory-confirmed bird-to-human infections of the avian influenza were reported, but only in Asian nations. The CDC believes that most cases of bird flu infection in humans have resulted from direct contact with infected poultry or contaminated surfaces, largely involving people who work in bird farms.

Proper PPE wear can save life

By Senior Airman Sarah Kinsman
Kukini Editor

Although people are briefed when they move to Hickam about safety guidelines for operating motorcycles, skateboards, scooters, bicycles and inline skates, not all Team Hickam members are following those guidelines. There are various problems safety personnel have seen recently.

Some examples include “motorcycle riders covering their vests with backpacks or not wearing the (safety) vest,” said Vincent Duny, chief of ground safety. “Dependent children not wearing helmets while riding skateboards, razor-type scooters and bicycles and personnel riding motorized scooters even though they are prohibited on base.” So, to refresh Team Hickam’s memory of the safety guidelines, safety has provided some guidance.

- Motorcycles**
- Department of Transportation-approved helmet
 - Impact resistant goggles or full face shield
 - Long sleeve shirt or jacket
 - Long pants
 - Sturdy footwear (no open toe shoes or sandals)
 - Full finger gloves
 - Reflective vest having at least 138 square inches of reflective material
 - The only authorized colors for reflective vests are international orange or lime green.
 - The reflective vest cannot be obstructed by a backpack or similar item.
 - Reflective belts, sashes or anything other than a reflective vest as specified above do not satisfy this requirement.
 - Reflective vest must be worn at all times, day and night.

- Skateboards, razor-type scooters, in-line skates, bicycles**
- Properly worn (strap fastened) helmet

Motorized scooter

- Prohibited on Hickam

Although the wear of these items may not stop an accident it can help protect the operator. People can prevent safety hazards by “defensive driving, knowing your limitations, proper training and never drink and ride,” said Mr. Duny. For more information or tips on how to ride safely, call the 15th Airlift Wing Safety office at 449-0749

Mighty Mo hosts Veterans Day observations

Free admission Nov. 11 for armed service veterans

By Danielle Douglass
Battleship Missouri Public Affairs

At noon on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, the Battleship Missouri Memorial will hold a moment of silence to recognize those soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect all Americans’ rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. In addition, the memorial is extending complimentary admission and flag raising privileges to all American veterans, including

active-duty personnel, throughout Veterans Day. All visitors will also receive a button that commemorates the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, which was Sept. 2. To take advantage of the complimentary admission offer, veterans must present a valid military I.D. or discharge papers at the admission window. Veterans can travel directly to the Signal Bridge 3 level to raise flags or report to the memorial’s pier-side Victory Store for more instructions. Veterans are welcome to bring their personal flags for raising or can choose to purchase one at the store. A certificate of presen-

tation is also available at a small cost. The buttons will be available to all visitors at the Victory Store. The history of Veterans Day dates back to the end of World War I Nov. 11, 1918, when Allied and Central Powers signed an armistice, ending the war. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued an Armistice Day proclamation, and then in 1926, the United States Congress issued a resolution directing the President to issue an annual proclamation of Armistice Day on Nov. 11. In 1938, Congress passed a bill making it a legal holiday and that each Nov. 11 shall be dedicated to the cause of

world peace and S hereafter celebrated and known as Armistice Day. For the next 16 years, the United States formally observed Armistice Day. After World War II, there were many new veterans who had no association with World War I. The significance of armistice, simply meaning a truce, had changed and leaders of veterans groups felt Nov. 11 would be more appropriate if it honored all who had fought in wars, not only World War I. The first non-Armistice Day took place in 1953 in Emporia, Kansas, with a Veterans Day observance. Ed Rees of Emporia was so

impressed that he introduced a bill to the House asking for the name to be changed to Veterans Day. After the passing of the bill, Rees wrote to all state governors asking for personal approval to change the holiday. On June 1, 1954, President Eisenhower signed legislation officially changing the name of the legal holiday. Regular admission to the Battleship Missouri Memorial is \$16 per adult and \$8 per child 4 to 12. Military and kama’aina rates are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Guided tours of the Missouri are additional. The U.S.S. Missouri Memorial Association, Inc. is

a private Hawaii-based non-profit organization designated by the U.S. Navy as caretaker of the battleship Missouri. The association operates the Battleship Missouri Memorial. President George Herbert Walker Bush is the memorial’s honorary chairman of the board. The memorial is supported by admissions, retail and concession sales, donations, grants, and the work of volunteers. It is not supported with government funding. The association was formed in 1994 and includes a cross-section of leaders from Hawaii’s business, civic, political, and retired military communities.

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transporters supporting these taskings.”

For then-Airman 1st Class Gomes, Air Force Supply Airman of the Year, success was a stocked shelf. Actually, hundreds of stocked shelves.

With more than 3,000 mission-capable parts at 50 warehouse and maintenance facilities supporting 387 fighter and support aircraft at PACAF bases spread out over 100-million square miles and 17 times zones, Airman Gomes’ ability to keep the shelves brimming ensured more than 40,000 training and combat sorties took place.

The accomplishments of Airman Gomes — the 2004 PACAF Lance P. Sijan U.S. Air Force Leadership Award winner and below-the-zone promotee to senior airman — weren’t confined to parts and planes, she said.

Her proudest moments came with a garbage bag and a commitment.

A highlight “would definitely be the Hickam clean-up detail,” Airman Gomes said. “There’s nothing more rewarding than alleviating tons of clutter from my surroundings.”

Ms. Richards, Directorate of Logistics Readiness Annual Individual Award winner, is money.

Figuratively and literally.

With no prior background and only a small amount of training due to front office personnel moves, she assumed dual roles as the unit resource adviser and PACAF funds manager, including managing more than \$130 million in stock fund obligations to the MAJCOM’s nine military installations.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey

Senior Airman Abiola Gomes, PACAF RSS, explains the awaiting processing board.

Her attention to detail ensured success on every level, from monitoring \$240 million material support division obligations, correcting six million dollars in financial errors along the way, to managing the squadron’s \$60,000 temporary duty budget, ensuring prompt reimbursements for 38 travelers upon return.

Much like the budgets themselves, Ms. Richards is quick to disburse accolades for the award she received.

“I would like to share the credit with my family for supporting me and everyone who helped me get recognized,” Ms. Richards said. “They were behind my success and still are.”

The trio’s success caught the eye of PACAF’s highest-ranking member.

“Getting just one Air Force-level winner is exceptional, but getting three – that is a cause for celebration,” Gen. Paul Hester, PACAF commander said. “It’s showing Airmen with a big ‘A’ are doing hard work in the Pacific for you, me and every American.”

Team Hickam members graduate

Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

Maj. Kenneth Buck
*9th Regional Support Command
Masters in aeronautical science*
Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Ryan
*Pacific Air Forces
Bachelors in professional aeronautics*

Central Michigan University

Maj. Sylvia McDonald
*U.S. Pacific Command
Masters in administration*
Maj. Treesa Salter
*Pacific Air Forces
Masters in administration*

Wayland Baptist University

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*324th Intelligence Squadron
Bachelors in occupational education*
Tech. Sgt. Carl Bueter
*15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron
Bachelors in occupational education*
Tech. Sgt. Buasy Nanhtha
*Pacific Air Forces
Bachelors in occupational education*
Tech. Sgt. Han Park
*15th Contracting Squadron
Bachelors in occupational education*
Senior Airman Jamie Willemin
*15th Communications Squadron
Bachelors in occupational education*

University of Oklahoma

Senior Airman Vincent Knight
*15th Aeromedical Dental Squadron
Masters in economics*

Hawaii Pacific University

Tech. Sgt. Michael Brown
*Pacific Air Forces
Associates in supervisory leadership*
Senior Airman Orlando Garofalo
*15th Comptroller Squadron
Bachelors in business administration*
Staff Sgt. Nayef Redwan
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Bachelors in business administration*

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735th Air Mobility Squadron
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324th Intelligence Squadron

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Staff Sgt. Martin James
15th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
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card without the connectivity through space. Calling back to the United States, or back to the mainland from Hawaii, for instance, some calls go through space connections, others go through underground cables.”

According to the commander, connections occur all the time, position, navigation and timing for GPS, economic transactions and direct broadcast television. All of the things that people take for granted. “...you know, we don’t see the satellites flying overhead but that connectivity is there and it’s part of everything we do,” expressed the general. “So it’s important for us to, number one, recognize that and, number two, it’s my job to make sure that we’re able to protect those advantages and ensure we continue to have our military capability as well as our economic capability. Space is essential to all of that,” affirmed the general.

“Old Airmen and young Airmen

especially may not think about it every day, and that’s okay, but it’s essential to everything we do,” he shared.

The space commander feels the integration of the C-17 in Hickam’s mission is a great move and recognizes the additional support it brings to the Pacific region. “Recognizing the long distances that strategic lift has to fly and having the C-17s here in theater, I know it’s been a vision of the [Pacific Air Forces] commanders, including General [Paul] Hester. To see that come through is a great step for us,” stressed General Lord. “I think it’s going to be a great step and a great boost for the military capability in this area of responsibility.”

When asked where he sees the future of space operations and air operations is headed, the general predicts a merger. “I think we’re going to merge together and work as a team,” said the general. “Air needs

space and space needs air because you can’t do everything from space and you can’t do everything from air but if you put them together you’ve got the medium covered - all the way from an inch above the Earth to out in geostationary orbit, 22,300 nautical miles.

“Some say, ‘well I’m just out here in the Pacific, two-thirds of the world’s surface is covered by water.’ Although that’s true, 100 percent of the world’s surface is covered by air and space,” said the general. “We’re delighted to be involved with our Pacific Air Force colleagues out here and we want to make sure General Hester, his commanders and all the men and women in the Pacific Air Forces have exactly what they need from space to get their jobs done every day.”

(1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble, 15th AW Public Affairs also contributed to this article.)



Theft and Damage to private property

An active duty Air Force member notified security forces and reported damage to his jet ski. The lock and VIN numbers were also found missing while it was parked in the auto resale lot.

Shoplifting

An Air Force family member was detained by Army and Air Force Exchange Service store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$149.95.

Driving without a license

While security forces were conducting a stop, check, pass at the Hickam Main Gate for an ongoing investigation, a vehicle fitting the description of a vehicle wanted in the investigation was detained. Further investigation revealed the driver was driving without a drivers license. A prohibited entry order for one year was issued for providing false information and driving on the installation with no driver license.

Indecent exposure

A female complainant notified security forces and reported that a caucasian male followed her to the parking lot of Hickam Federal Credit Union and made lewd comments towards her. The caucasian male also displayed his genitals to the complainant while stopping at a red light off base. A search was conducted throughout the base. The complainant was referred to

Honolulu Police Department for further assistance.

Damage to privatized dwelling

An active duty Air Force member notified security forces and reported he heard a loud noise emanating from his front door. When he came out for further investigation, he noticed the front screen door of his residence was damaged.

Simple assault

An active duty Air Force member was assaulted at the enlisted club. The victim was transported to the hospital for further evaluation.

Theft and Damage to private property

An active duty Air Force member notified security forces and reported his bicycle, helmet, bike tool-kit, and chain were stolen from his residence. Estimated value of the merchandise: \$380.

Damage to private property

An active-duty Air Force member notified security forces and reported his vehicle was damaged while parked at Bldg. 1232.

Shoplifting

A family member of a retired military was detained by AAFES store detectives for shoplifting. Total cost of stolen merchandise: \$54.



Dance classes

The community center is accepting sign-ups for new classes. Kindermusik - Village Class is an eight-week session for \$75 (plus cost of materials)for new-borns to 18-months-old. Classes will be held Tuesdays, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Kindermusik - Our Time Class is a 15-week session for \$150 (plus cost of materials) for toddlers, age 18-months to 3-years-old for . Classes will be held Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Ballroom Dance Class will be held Saturdays from 10:30 to 11:20 a.m. This will be a 15-week session for \$150. All classes will begin as soon as enough participants have registered. For more information, call the community center at 449-3354.

Group surf lesson

Learn how to catch a wave

Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person and includes board rental, transportation and three hours of group instruction. Participants must be able to swim without life jackets. For more information, call 449-5215.



Kayak to Goat Island

Enjoy a day on Goat Island Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person and includes all rental equipment and transportation. Participants should bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Goat Island is a beautiful bird sanctuary. The shallow sand-bottom beach is protected by a section of offshore reef. For more information, call 449-5215.

Halloween glow ball

Enjoy a night of spooky golfing fun on the Par 3 Golf Course Sunday at 7 p.m. The

cost is \$15 and includes green fee, glow accessories and two beverages. For more information, call 449-2093.

Pau hana party

Enjoy Friday night fun every Friday in the Green Room at the officers’ club for the Pau Hana Party. This is a members’ only event. Free pupus served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Reduced price beverages served from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 8 to 9 p.m.

Bowling center special

Hold a squadron Christmas party at the bowling center and take advantage of the squadron holiday special: for every four bowlers, one bowls free. This promotion is available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 449-2702.

A la carte dinner

Every Friday night from 6 to 8 p.m. in the officers’ club dining room, enjoy prime rib, mahi mahi, shrimp tempura, filet combo, garlic shrimp with basil, chicken cordon bleu or the featured pasta bar. Try the new “Atkins selec-

tions” which rotate every month to offer a variety of new items.

Membership drive

Support the 15th Services Squadron through increased club membership and enter the grand giveaway. Recruit a new club member and receive \$5 in club bucks. Recruit five new members and receive one month’s dues free. Weekly drawings for new and current members. Club members are also eligible to win \$1,000 credit toward their club card.

Costume contest

Put on the most creative or spooky costume and head on down to the enlisted club Sat-

urday. Prizes will be awarded for the most original female and male costume at midnight. Beverage and food specials will be available.

Halloween Ghoul-A-Grams

Giving gifts of love and friendship is not just for Valentine’s Day anymore. Why not send someone special a Ghoul-A-Gram. A bouquet is \$15 and includes balloons, gift and candy. Call 448-6611 to place an order.

Fall craft fair

The 30th Annual Fall Craft Fair is Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Booth space is \$65 for a single booth or people can pair up and share a booth for \$85. All items must be hand-

crafted by the seller and are screened at registration. Registration will be open until the day before the fair. For more information, call 449-1568, ext. 101.

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Youth Employment Skills is an on-base youth volunteer program designed for high school-aged dependents of active-duty Air Force members to provide the student with an opportunity to learn work skills. Students may accumulate up to 250 hours during all four years of high school, for a potential of up to \$1,000 toward their future vocational, technical or academic endeavors. For more information, call 449-2233.



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Florida asks AF for little help

SAN ANTONIO, Tx. (AFPN) – Although Hurricane Wilma left a swath of destruction through southern Florida Oct. 24, the state has asked the Air Force for very little assistance.

Florida was so well prepared for Wilma that officials there have -- so far -- only asked the military to provided communication packages and helicopter air-lift support, said Col. Jeff

Theulen, a reserve emergency preparedness liaison officer.

“We’ve provided some support, but it’s been fairly muted as Florida has handled this entire situation,” Colonel Theulen said from his prepositioned location at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

The colonel said the Department of Defense is on standby to “provide any type of assets” the state may require. Later, the colonel expects the military may provide more support in the form of airborne warning and control system aircraft, search and rescue, helicopters and cargo movement.

There are liaison officers stationed in every state and

in 10 Federal Emergency Management Agency regional offices. They provide the face of the Air Force to FEMA and the state emergency operation centers.

Wilma caused billions of dollars in damage and left millions of homes without power. It swept through the state as a strong Category 3 storm and left as a Category 2. Forecasters say Wilma was the strongest storm to hit the Miami area since Hurricane Andrew in 1992, which caused more than \$25 billion in damage and eventually led to the closure of Homestead Air Reserve Base.

Homestead’s 482nd

Fighter Wing is in the process of assessing damage to the base. Late last week, well before the storm hit, the reservists relocated their F-16C Fighting Falcons and F-15 Strike Eagles.

(Story by Master Sgt. Orville F. Desjarlais Jr., Air Force Print News.)

General Regni takes command

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFPN) – Lt. Gen. John F. Regni became the U.S. Air Force Academy’s 17th superintendent during a change of command ceremony here today.

The new superintendent graduated from USAFA with a bachelor of science degree in Biology in 1973.

“I am honored and humbled to pick up the torch from General John Rosa,” General Regni said, adding that he will continue to work with cadet classes to ensure they are positively motivated and shaped and to meet the life-or-death challenges that await them as lieutenants, captains and beyond in the 21st Century Air Force.

“Our mission is critically important to our Air Force and to our nation, and we take our mission seriously,” he said.

“I can tell you that the

Academy is on a very strong footing today and my intention – and the Air Force’s intention – is to continue to work issues hard and make the Academy even stronger than it is today,” General Regni said.

Floating checks a thing of the past

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) – “Check floaters” beware. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service will start to electronically process checks in January.

Now, instead of taking up to three days, check may

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process instantly or in one day. The move is so the exchange service complies with “Check 21” Legislation.

“Checks will be processed electronically before being mailed to their respective banks,” said Melanie Boshaw, Langley exchange store manager. “That means any amount on a check will be taken from a customer’s account the very next day.”

A person floats a check when he or she writes one for a purchase without having the actual amount in their accounts – and using the typical three-day processing time to get paid or move funds to cover it. Now, check writers must have the funds in their account, or their check will bounce.

Electronic processing is cost-efficient since there is a automatic payment for each purchase.

With the new system in effect, money-management becomes a necessity rather than a recommendation for customers. Now people must actually have funds in their accounts if they want to make a purchase.

(Story by Senior Airman Christian Michael, 1st Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

AF leading ‘green power’ user

AUSTIN, Texas (AFPN) – For the Air Force, winning a 2005 Green Power Leadership Award was a breeze – literally.

Bases like Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, and Fairchild AFB, Wash. – both which receive 100 percent of their energy from wind or other renewable energy power sources – helped the Air Force earn the award Oct. 24 for its organization-wide commitment to renewable energy.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Energy and the Center for Resource Solutions sponsor the annual awards. It recognizes organizations whose actions help advance the development of the nation’s green power market.

In the past few years, the Air Force has become a major “green power” buyer. It is now the largest purchaser of renewable power in the federal government. During fiscal 2004, 10 Air Force bases collectively purchased more than 320 gigawatt hours of renewable energy certificates. That accounted for 41 percent of all green power purchased by the federal government

This past fiscal year the Air Force purchased more than 1,059 gigawatt hours of renewable energy. The next closest military purchaser was the Army with 52 gigawatt hours.

“The Air Force has been very aggressive in pursuing renewable energy because it makes economic sense,” said Jim Snook, Air Force renewable energy program manager. “Industry has seen that the Air Force is committed to renewable energy and they are bringing ideas and projects to us and making more renewable purchasing opportunities available.”

Jerry Doddington, Air Force energy management team chief, said, "In the 80’s and 90’s, we took care of most of the easy fixes such as turning down thermostats, using energy-efficient lighting and installing better insulation. But, to meet newer and more stringent federal energy goals, we had to go high-tech, so we started bringing renewable energy sources into the overall energy strategy.”

Answer found in the wind

The Air Force generates its own power and operates a 2.4-megawatt wind farm on Ascension Island, in the mid-Atlantic. And a 1.3-megawatt wind farm at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo. Several other bases are considering wind farms.

While wind power is the largest contributor so far in the Air Force’s renewable energy plan, the portfolio also includes the use of biomass energy at Hill AFB, Utah, and the installation of more than 3,500 ground source heat pumps at various installations.

Energy management officials said they are also trying to increase the use of solar energy, which in the past was cost prohibitive.

“We applaud the Air Force for its environmental leadership,” said Kurt Johnson, EPA’s Green Power Partnership director. “The organization is providing an outstanding example for others to follow.”

Edwards air show



Photo by Senior Airman Jet Fabara
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. – A replica World War II Japanese Zero fighter buzzes through clouds of smoke here during the 2005 Edwards Open House and Air Show. The aircraft took part in the Tora, Tora, Tora recreation of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor at the Oct. 22 event. The recreation is part of a Commemorative Air Force demonstration that features more than 60 pyrotechnic effects.